

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Egypt
Program Title:	Democracy and Governance
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	263-021
Status:	Continuing
Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:	\$16,040,000 ESF
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$13,000,000 ESF
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$20,160,000 ESF
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2000
Estimated Completion Date:	FY 2009

Summary: USAID programs in the governance field support a stronger role for civil society, support improvements in the administration of justice, and introduce the application of participatory models of service delivery. In conjunction with the USAID/State Department joint review of the USAID/Egypt portfolio, we will be increasing our assistance for projects in the fields of democracy and governance. We will notify the Congress as new programs are finalized. USAID will seek out political openings and opportunities for reform in Egypt and explore areas in which we can expand our assistance to Egypt in accordance with the MEPI goals. Possible activities include media training, strengthening civil society, improvements in the administration of justice, and efforts to improve service delivery.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2003 Program:

NGO Service Center (\$1,800,000 ESF; \$7,000,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). This project supports civil society development through training and grants. USAID/Egypt works to improve the capacity of civil society organizations to participate in development. The project includes the Service Center for NGOs and an umbrella mechanism that manages sub-grants and assistance to Egyptian NGOs and US PVOs. The project strengthens the technical and institutional capacity of individual NGOs; supports the infrastructure of civil society at large by encouraging networks and information exchange among NGOs; and builds a sustainable NGO support facility. Grants are awarded to NGOs to support a wide range of activities including civic participation and advocacy, children's rights advocacy, women's access to elected offices, and an increased number of NGOs receiving capacity building training. Principal Contractor: Save the Children.

Administration of Justice Support-AOJS II (\$6,000,000 ESF Prior Year Unobligated). This project enhances the capability of the Egyptian justice sector to deliver judicial services in a more timely fashion and to apply the rule of law. A more efficient and responsive judiciary, which will strengthen public confidence in the rule of law and provide a peaceful framework to increase citizen interaction with public decision-makers, is important for private sector development, and strengthens democratic institutions. This is a new five-year project currently in design. Implementation will begin late in the summer of 2003. AOJS II will support the Egyptian Ministry of Justice's (MOJ) capacity to replicate processes employed in strengthening two pilot courts assisted under a previous AOJS project to all the civil and commercial courts. AOJS II will provide assistance to strengthen the institutional capacity of the National Center for Judicial Studies (NCJS) and the Judicial Information Center (JIC), the two main institutions that will be responsible for replication, and improve the MOJ's overall civil and commercial court modernization efforts. The immediate impact expected from these resources includes reduction in case processing time and the application of a fair and transparent rule of law. Principal Contractor: To Be Determined.

Collaboration for Community-Level Services (\$3,240,000 ESF). This project develops innovative models for managing service delivery in four pilot sites and applies these models in the selected communities. These communities are arenas for experimentation with new methods of local participation in policy making for service delivery. Working through the local governing body, USAID-funded technical

assistance helps the community identify priority services for improvement, then works with stakeholders from civil society, business, and government to improve the services identified. The immediate impact includes the establishment of community-local government committees and the development and/or implementation of community projects which focus on improved service delivery. Principal Contractor: Development Associates.

Additional Democracy and Governance Activities (\$11,000,000 ESF). Although the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) was recently announced, specific program details have yet to be determined within USAID and the Department of State. They are expected to fall under four major categories: political openness, media, civil society, and rule of law/governance. More information will be forthcoming when policy guidance and program directions are determined.

FY 2004 Program:

NGO Service Center (\$4,000,000 ESF). This project is to continue to support civil society development through training and grants. The center will produce and widely disseminate a number of in-depth case studies on NGO advocacy, networking, and governance. A number of community dialogues are planned to broaden citizen and NGO participation in policy formulation by bringing together individuals, influential figures, NGOs, media, and local government officials to exchange views, collaborate effectively, define priorities, and advance advocacy initiatives.

Administration of Justice Support II (\$7,400,000 ESF). This project is expected to improve selected areas of administration of justice. AOJS II will strengthen the capacities of NCJS and JIC to better function as institutions and to improve their ability to provide training and automation services, respectively.

Collaboration for Community Level Services (\$3,260,000 ESF). USAID expects that this project will develop innovative models for the management of service delivery in two new communities, and to continue to develop and apply innovative models of service delivery in four communities. Based on the results of the 2003 evaluation, a decision will be made on whether to proceed with a nation-wide phase II of this project.

Additional Democracy and Governance Activities (\$5,500,000 ESF). Specific program details have yet to be determined within USAID and the Department of State. The activities will track the four categories listed above in FY 2003. More information will be forthcoming as policy guidance and program directions are made.

Performance and Results: USAID's democracy and governance program achieved two important results in 2002: 1) the pilot court in Ismailia has begun utilizing the management reports generated from the automated systems as an effective way of case processing to reduce delays; and, 2) several grants provided to local NGOs were used to support civic participation activities including women's civil rights, women's access to elected office, civil society networking, child's rights and reducing child labor, and environmental protection.

As a result of these and other achievements, USAID remains well positioned to respond to political openings and opportunities for reform. By working through knowledgeable and reform-minded Egyptians in academia, civil society, think tanks, and governmental institutions, USAID has created a network of influential people who can advocate for moderate reform agendas.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Egypt

263-021 Democracy and Governance	ESF
Through September 30, 2001	
Obligations	74,234
Expenditures	59,890
Unliquidated	14,344
Fiscal Year 2002	
Obligations	15,368
Expenditures	6,239
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	89,602
Expenditures	66,129
Unliquidated	23,473
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	13,000
Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA	
Obligations	16,040
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	29,040
Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	20,160
Future Obligations	69,505
Est. Total Cost	208,307